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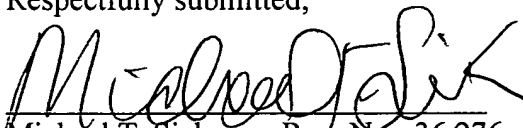
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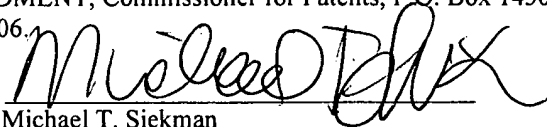
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 13, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this amendment.

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RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT RESPONSE

Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-27, 54, 76, 78 and 175, drawn to an isolated polypeptide, and drawn to a polypeptide conjugated to a detectable label of a therapeutic agent, classified in class 530, subclass 300, and class 424, subclasses 9.1, 9.3 and 174.1 for continued examination. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the non-elected claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications. Additionally, Applicant hereby elects the species of detectable labels for prosecution on the merits. The claims readable on the elected species include claims 15-26.

The Examiner has further requested a sequence election requesting Applicant to choose a single sequence for examination. Applicant respectfully traverse this sequence election on the grounds that the election of a single sequence for searching purposes is an unreasonable limitation placed on the Applicant. Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner to MPEP § 803.04, which states:

It has been determined that normally ten sequences constitute a reasonable number for examination purposes. Accordingly, in most cases, up to ten independent and distinct nucleotide sequences will be examined in a single application without restriction.

Applicant hereby elects the following sequences for searching purposes in accordance with MPEP § 803.04, SEQ ID NOs:304-310 and 356. If the Examiner is in disagreement and maintains the restriction requirement Applicant elects SEQ ID NO: 310 for searching purposes only as a designated subset of the sequences.

Having made this election, Applicant expressly reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications on the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Applicant requests that if a product claim is found allowable, process claims that depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim to be rejoined in accordance with provisions of MPEP § 821.04 and that the rejoined process claims will be fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.104. Upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant requests

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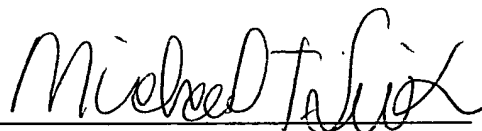
consideration of claims to additional species that are written in dependent form or otherwise include in all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. No new matter has been added.

No amendments, cancellations or additions have been made to the pending claims by this response. Accordingly, claims 1-27, 32, 53, 54, 76, 78, 158, 175 and 195 are pending with claims 1, 7, 10, 32, 53, 54, 76, 78, 175 and 195 being independent claims.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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